

REMARKS

Claims 3 through 7 are amended and claim 8 is cancelled herein without prejudice. New claims 9 through 26 are added. Accordingly, by this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-7 and 9-26 are pending. Entry of this Preliminary Amendment, examination and consideration of the claims, as amended herein, are requested.

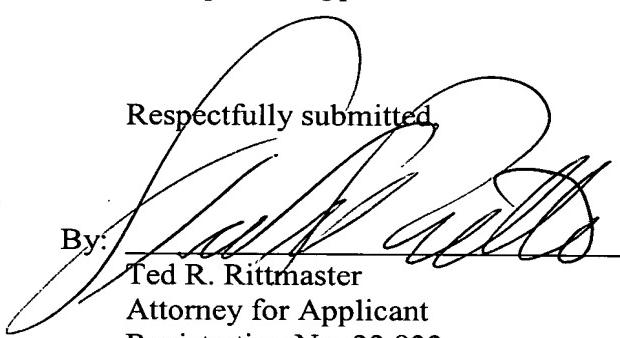
If the Examiner believes that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone (at 310-975-7963) to discuss any steps that the Examiner believes are needed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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